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SUBJECT: POPOV VISIT TO U.S.

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1. PROPOSED MAY 10-20 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT ON NON-IVP BASIS SPECIFIED IN REFTELS WHICH WE HAVE CONFIRMED WITH YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HERE: GOY PAYS TRAVEL AND ALL EXPENSES FOR POPOV AND ESCORTS; YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS; DEPARTMENT WORKS WITH YUGOSLAVS IN SETTING UP WASHINGTON SCHEDULE, PROBABLY TO INCLUDE COMMERCE, EXIMBANK, AGRICULTURE AND CONGRESS.

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2. AS WAS CASE WITH MARINC VISIT TO U.S. NOVEMBER 1974,
THERE WILL BE NO NAMED U.S. HOST (AND THIS WILL BE TRUE
ALSO WHEN SIROTKOVIC COMES HERE). EMBASSY SHOULD SIMPLY
EXTEND POPOV INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. ON BASIS SET OUT
IN HIS LETTER OF APRIL 1.

3. F.Y.I. THEN-SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT GAVE LUNCHEON IN
MARINC' HONOR WHEN SLOVENIAN PREMIER VISITED HERE. WHILE
WE ARE WORKING ON PROGRAM OF SIMILAR NATURE FOR POPOV, WE
CANNOT NOW GUARANTEE THAT THERE WILL BE CABINET-LEVEL EVENT

IN HIS HONOR. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING AMBASSADOR
BELOVSKI TAKING ENORMOUS INTEREST IN HIS BROTER-IN-LAW'S
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